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Garrisons near Leninakan

1. Among the various military services in the city of Leninakan (40°45'N, 43°50'E) is the headquarters for the border garrisons. These garrisons are relieved at intervals ranging from fifteen to thirty days. There is no regular army in Leninakan. There are troops outside Leninakan, and about two kilometers south of the city there are barracks.

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the barracks house a division.
The color of the piping on the uniforms of these troops is red

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2. the barracks at Leninakan are on the northern edge of the city. They consist of 15 large three-story buildings, similar in form, with a total capacity of 2,500 to 3,000 soldiers.

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Leninakan Airfield

3. The Leninakan airfield lies two to three kilometers south of the city. It is west of the railroad which runs from Leninakan to Artik and east of the Leninakan-Yerevan highway. The airfield is trapezoidal in shape, with the short side to the north and the long side to the south. The short side is about three kilometers from the southern edge of Leninakan. The longer (south) side is about two kilometers from a small river which runs parallel to it. A person travelling from Leninakan to Artik by rail passes very close to the east side of the airfield. One travelling by road from Leninakan to Yerevan passes very close to the west side of this airfield.
4. The perimeter of the airfield is about 10 to 12 kilometers. The length of the south side of the airfield is about three to four kilometers, and that of the other three sides is two to three kilometers each.

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5. The field is surrounded on three sides, other than the south side, by a double line of wire fence about 2.5-3 meters high. During the day, there is no special guard except a sentry at the observation post [redacted]

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[redacted] and the sentries at the entrances [redacted]. During the night, guards patrol the entire length of the wire fence and along the inner side of the field.

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6. [redacted] unloading of barrels, probably containing gasoline, which were stored in the more northern of the buildings of the field [redacted]

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7. Except for the landing strip at the east side, most of the surface of the field is covered with grass. The western section is the hardest packed. The part near the landing strip is entirely smooth and is rolled to keep it smooth like the rest of the field. Buildings No. 9 and No. 10 on sketch map are situated on a slight rise.

8. This airfield is said to be one of the largest Soviet fields near the Turkish border. It is used for purely military purposes. During the day there is not much movement on the field, but about 30 military aircraft are permanently stationed there. At times this number is increased to about 80, including single-engine, two-engine, and four-engine planes. There are also two biplanes for training purposes at this field.

9. Every night, without exception, three planes from this field fly simultaneously along the Turkish border from nightfall until midnight, and often until morning.

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11. [redacted] some 300 "large" aircraft were kept on an airfield about two kilometers from Leninakan in the direction of Yerevan in June 1946. Later, more aircraft were brought to the field. Access to the airfield was prohibited.

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12. [redacted] an airfield lying three to four kilometers south of Yerevan, east of the railroad running to Yerevan. [redacted] also [redacted] an airfield lying five to six kilometers south of Yerevan and situated west of the railroad running into Yerevan. Both airfields extend to the railroad. [redacted]

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13. [redacted]

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